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1. ON AUGUST 19, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS IN A DISCUSSION WITH INDIAN DCM VENKATESWARAN STATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED AND DISTURBED OVER THE CONTINUED HARASSMENT OF U.S. JOURNALISTS. THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF SUCH HARASSMENT WAS THE DISCONNECTION OF THE OFFICE TELEX AND TELEPHONES OF THE NEW YORK TIMES OFFICE IN NEW DELHI AND THE RESIDENCE TELEPHONE OF NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT BORDERS. DUBS ASKED THAT THE USG CONCERN OVER AND DISPLEASURE OF SUCH HARASSMENT BE CONVEYED TO NEW DELHI.

2. IN AN ANTICIPATED RESPONSE, VENKATESWARAN SAID THAT ACTIONS SUCH AS THOSE CITED WERE NO DOUBT TAKEN BECAUSE OF REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF THE GOI'S CENSORSHIP GUIDELINES BY THE JOURNALISTS INVOLVED. HE SUGGESTED THAT JOURNALISTS

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LEAVE INDIA IF THEY FELT IT IMPOSSIBLE TO ABIDE BY THE

CENSORSHIP GUIDELINES. DUBS AGAIN ASKED THAT U.S.  
DISPLEASURE AND CONCERN BE REPORTED TO NEW DELHI, WHICH  
VENKATESWARAN SAID HE WOULD DO. KISSINGER

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